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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3736**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,878  
Attorney Docket No. 10003016-1  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
BOECKER et al. ) Art Unit: 3736  
Application No.: 09/981,483 ) Examiner: FOREMAN, Jonathan M.  
Filed: October 16, 2001 )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2004 (in association with the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14.